

## REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17, 17 and 20 has been canceled. Claims 7, 10, 14 and 15 have been allowed. Claims 12, 16 and 18 have been amended to be independent of any canceled claim.

I request that the remaining claims be approved and that a U.S. Patent be issued.

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